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for sometime I have been desirous of having a volume prepared, including a sketch of the life and character of Mrs. Grimke and some of her writings. I felt that a record of a life of such singular beauty, nobility and usefulness, ought to be preserved.

In thinking the matter over, it occurred to me, that there was no one better fitted to undertake the task than Dr. Anna J. Cooper, who was her nearest and dearest friend and who had a long and intimate acquaintance with her. And so I brought the matter to her attention, told her what my wishes were, and was delighted to have her consent, and most cordially, to comply with my request. For her, I know, it will be a work of love, for she and Mrs. Grimke were very near to each other.

I have thus authorized her to use the materials that I have put into her hands in anyway she may see fit.

*Francis J. Grimke*

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